

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA  
STATESVILLE DIVISION**

**STEVE A. MANN,** )  
                  **Plaintiff,** )  
                                  ) )  
                  **v.** )  
                                  ) )  
**MICHAEL J. ASTRUE,** )  
**Commissioner of Social Security,** )  
                  **Defendant.** )

**Civil Action No. 5:10-CV-196**

**ASSENTED-TO ORDER FOR REVERSAL AND REMAND  
PURSUANT TO SENTENCE FOUR OF 42 U.S.C. SECTION 405(g)**

The defendant, Michael J. Astrue, has moved this Court, pursuant to sentence four of 42 U.S.C. section 405(g), to enter a judgment reversing the Commissioner's decision with a remand of the cause to the Commissioner for further administrative proceedings.

Upon remand, the administrative law judge will be instructed to: (1) combine Plaintiff's claim in this action with his subsequently filed claim and consider the evidence in connection with both claims, (2) give further consideration to Plaintiff's functioning prior to age twenty-two, (3) reassess the severity of Plaintiff's medically determinable mental impairments, (4) if necessary, obtain evidence from a medical expert to clarify the nature and severity of Plaintiff's impairments, and (5) if warranted, obtain evidence from a vocational expert. Pursuant to the power of this Court to enter a judgment affirming, modifying, or reversing the Commissioner's decision with remand in Social Security actions under sentence four of 42 U.S.C. section 405(g), and in light of the Commissioner's and Plaintiff's request to remand this action for further proceedings, this Court hereby:

**REVERSES** the Commissioner's decision under sentence four of 42 U.S.C. section 405(g), with a remand of the cause to the Commissioner for further proceedings. *See Melkonyan*

*v. Sullivan*, 501 U.S. 89 (1991). The Clerk of the Court will enter a separate judgment pursuant to Rule 58 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. As there remains no justiciable dispute pending between the parties, upon the Clerk's entry of judgment, the Court's jurisdiction over this case shall terminate except for purposes of consideration and determination of motions for attorney's fees, including any motion for such fees under the Equal Access to Justice Act (EAJA). Plaintiff shall have thirty (30) days from final judgment in which to file any motion for attorney's fees under EAJA in this matter.

Signed: August 9, 2011

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Richard L. Voorhees", written over a horizontal line.

Richard L. Voorhees  
United States District Judge

